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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Memorial Day Safety Message

1. The 2006 Memorial Day holiday will be observed 26–29 May. It is the responsibility of all leaders down to the lowest level to express the importance of safety to their subordinates. As on the battlefield, it is mission essential that squad leaders know their Soldiers Holiday plans and enforce risk mitigating measures to ensure their safe travel.

2. Summer brings more hazards with boating, biking, water skiing, heat injuries and outdoor activities. All leaders must know their subordinates' itineraries to ensure to mitigate risk throughout the weekend. The briefings conducted by squad leaders should include the following:

   a. Wearing seat belts, obeying speed limits, and taking rest breaks throughout travel plans. Preventive maintenance, day light driving and planning for adverse weather will aid in safer travel. Refrain from aggressive driving and never drive while under the influence.

   b. Water activities: Always swim with a buddy; and never drink and drive while operating watercraft; it is a DWI. Wear personal floatation devices; it is the law and saves lives. Heat injuries are common during summer months and can be avoided through proper hydration and use of sunscreen.

   c. Motorcycles/ATVs: We have already had too many accidents, injuries and lives lost due to carelessness and disregard for safety practices. Ensure your Soldiers are following all guidelines currently in place. Squad Leaders, enforce the standards at your level! Take action when necessary so we do not lose our most valuable asset; our Soldiers.

3. All MSCs will report compliance with the above regulatory safety requirements and the command policy letters to the SGS NLT Thursday, 251530May06, and Tuesday, 301530May06.

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